

*Beatrice E.
LeClair*



Beatrice E. LeClair, 97, Groton, died December 6 at Beverly Healthcare Center, Groton. Mass of Christian Burial was held Monday, Dec. 10, at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, Groton. Father David Janes officiated. Burial followed in the Groton Catholic Cemetery under the direction of Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton.

Beatrice Elizabeth Kays was born September 14, 1905, to John and Bertha (Brich) Kays on their farm near Vienna. She attended rural school and graduated from high school in Vienna. Following high school, she received a first grade and state certificate at Northern Normal College. Beatrice taught country school for six years, returning home in 1932 to care for her family after her mother's death. She married Leo LeClair on November 29, 1933. The couple moved to Bath and farmed for 18 years. In 1951, they built a home and moved to Groton. Leo died on December 4, 1954. Beatrice continued to live in Groton where she cared for her father and acted as house-mother for high school girls. She also worked as a receptionist for several years.

Beatrice was a member of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church and its Altar Society. She enjoyed gardening and was a charter member of the Groton Garden Club.

Survivors include two sisters-in-law, Charlotte Kays and Geraldine Kays, both of Bryant; 17 nieces and nephews, several great-nieces and nephews and many cousins.

Preceding her in death were her husband, parents, three infant sons, four brothers (Joseph, Francis, Vincent and Earl Kays) and one sister, Marilyn Allard.